

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 12, 2003, the Board took the following action:

2 Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The State of California, in Government Code Section 19775.18, makes no distinction between "voluntary and involuntary" call to active duty. It states that a State employee shall be entitled to their difference in pay between their State salary and military pay "when called to active duty" for service during the War on Terrorism.

"In addition, the County did not make the distinction as well for the Gulf War in 1991. Ordinance 6.20.080(H) (Iraq-Kuwait Crisis) simply stated the County employee when "called to active duty" shall be entitled to regular pay offset by military pay.

"Currently, Los Angeles County Code 6.20.080(K) Worldwide Terrorist Crisis provides that an employee "involuntarily called" to active duty shall be entitled to his/her regular pay offset by the military pay for such duty.

"This has created confusion for County citizen-soldiers with certain military specialties who, when asked by the Army if they are available for duty to back-up their active counterparts, have difficulty answering yes, if it means jeopardizing his/her financial situation."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board instructed County Counsel to prepare an ordinance, amending Title 6 - Salaries of the County Code, Section 6.20.080, to reflect a change in the title of Subsection K from "Worldwide Terrorist Crisis" to "War on Terrorism"; and to eliminate the word "involuntarily" to conform with the California Government Code which makes no distinction when members of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization are called into active duty.

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